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Mr. Gordon Jensen, Director  
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Dear Mr. Jensen:

I read with interest the article, "Development of Utah Coal, Tar Sands and Oil Shale," in your recent publication.

Tosco is the owner of some 15,000 acres of state oil shale leases in the Uintah Basin south of Vernal. Under an agreement with the State of Utah we are planning to spend some \$8 million through 1984 in development. We hope that development work will take the form of the sinking of a shaft to the shales which are at about 2,000 feet in this area, and then by conducting experimental mining studies. This year we are doing the engineering for the shaft and the planning for the experimental mine. Concurrently we are conducting meteorological, air quality and environmental inventory activities at the site through our Vernal Office, headed by Joe Merino.

I bring this to your attention because there may be an area of mutual interest between Tosco and UEES. The shaft planned for Sand Wash will provide the first access for large samples of shale from the deep portion of the Uintah Basin. It will, in essence, provide a laboratory for work in that area. If you think there is an area of mutual interest I would be pleased to drop in and discuss our project with you during my next trip to Salt Lake.

Yours truly,



R. GLENN VAWTER

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cc: Mr. C. B. Feight, Director, Board of Oil, Gas and Mining  
Mr. J. M. Merino, Vernal Office